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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9, 11-22, 24-28, and 30-33 are presented for examination.

Claims 10, 23, and 29 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-9, 11-22, 24-28, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (6,850,757) (hereinafter Watanabe) in view of Mousseau et al. (US PUB 2002/0120696) (hereinafter Mousseau).

4. As per claims 1 and 27, Watanabe discloses a communication system and method for pushing electronic messages to a wireless portable device (arrival notification message is pushed by notification apparatus, col 2, lines

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54-60; col 5, lines 6-31) to advise a user when an electronic message is received and to provide the user with a subset of the electronic message to allow the user to download electronic message of interest for viewing at the wireless portable device (col 2, lines 54-60; col 5, lines 6-31), comprising: a mail server (102, fig 1) having an electronic mail interface configured to be coupled to the internet (104, fig 1, col 2, lines 48-60), for storing an electronic mail message received over the Internet (col 2, lines 37-60) and for generating a copy of said electronic mail message (Fig 1, col 2, lines 24-46);

a notifications server (100, fig 1, col 2, lines 24-36), coupled to said mail server (col 2, lines 24-36), and having a standard electronic mail protocol for receiving said copy of said electronic mail message as a standard formatted electronic mail message (100, fig 1, col 2, lines 24-53);

wherein said notifications server (100, fig 1, col 2, lines 24-60) is for automatically generating (arrival notification mail, col 2, lines 24-60), therefrom, a subset of said received copy of said electronic mail message (col 5, lines 6-31); and

wherein said notifications server (col 2, lines 24-60), upon generation of said subset (subset is interpreted as message, col 5, lines 6-31), is configured to automatically transmit without any user trigger (notification, col 1, lines 5-10; col 2, lines 54-67) said subset (subset is interpreted as

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message, col 3, lines 33-35) to an identified wireless electronic device (col 5, lines 6-31) associated with a user that is the recipient of said received electronic mail message (cellular phone, col 5, lines 6-39), and wherein the user subsequently is able to select the subset (subset is interpreted as body of the text, col 6, lines 18-33) and thereby download the remainder of the electronic mail message (col 6, lines 17-44).

The "prior art" (or "the system of") of Watanabe teaches notification apparatus (100, fig 1,) generating and notifying arrival of notification mail message to the wireless device (col 2, lines 24-60) and further suggest adding couple of short sentences to the notification message (col 5, lines 22-31). Watanabe does not specifically disclose generating a copy of said electronic mail message, therefrom, a subset of said received copy of said electronic mail message. However, the Watanabe does teach notification apparatus (100, fig 1,) generating and notifying arrival of notification mail message to the wireless device (col 2, lines 24-60) and further suggest adding couple of short sentences to the notification message (col 5, lines 22-31). Mousseau generating a copy of said electronic mail message (page 7, paragraph #0070; page 8, paragraph #0076), therefrom, a subset of said received copy of said electronic mail message (page 7, paragraph #0070; page 8, paragraph #0076; and paragraph #0067). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of

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the invention was made to combine the teachings of Watanabe and Mousseau. The motivation (prior art of Watanabe at least suggests adding a couple of short sentence so user can determine whether the electronic mail should be read, col 5, lines 22-31, col 6, lines 18-33) would have been developing mail arrival notification system for notifying mobile user device extracted information from the original mail so user of the wireless device can determine whether the electronic mail should be read.

5. As per claim 14, the claim is rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition, Watanabe discloses a plurality of wireless electronic devices operable to communicate over a wireless communication network (106, fig 1, col 2, lines 24-60).

6. As per claims 2, 15, and 28, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition, Watanabe discloses said identified wireless electronic device is operable to display received subsets to a user LCD display, (col 5, lines 29-31).

7. As per claims 3, and 16, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition, Watanabe discloses said identified wireless electronic device is operable to allow said user to select a particular received

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subset and wherein said notifications server is also for transmitting the remainder of an electronic mail message corresponding to said particular received subset in response to the selection thereof by said identified wireless electronic device (col 5, lines 45-67; col 6, lines 18-43).

8. As per claims 4 and 17, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition Mousseau discloses said subset is a notification message comprising a sender's identification and a subject field of said received electronic mail message (page 8, paragraph #0076).

9. As per claims 5 and 18, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition, Watanabe discloses said identified wireless electronic device is a handheld computer system having wirelessly enabled (fig 3, col 3, lines 28-36).

10. As per claims 6, 19, and 31, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition, Watanabe discloses wherein said notifications server comprises a user information database for providing a mapping between wireless electronic devices and their associated electronic mail addresses (fig 3, col 3, lines 28-36).

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11. As per claims 7, 20 and 32, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition, Watanabe discloses a push packet (is used by said notifications server to wirelessly transmit said subset to said identified wireless electronic device (col 5, lines 22-28).

12. As per claims 8 and 21, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition, Watanabe discloses said subset is wirelessly transmitted using a wireless LAN communication network (elements of fig 1).

13. As per claims 9 and 22, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition Mousseau discloses, using a short range wireless communication network (page 22, paragraph #0174).

14. As per claims 11, 24, and 33, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition Mousseau discloses said standard electronic mail protocol is substantially compliant with the SMTP protocol (page 9, paragraph #0084).

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15. As per claims 12 and 25, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition Mousseau discloses POP protocol (page 9, paragraph #0084).

16. As per claims 13 and 26, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition Mousseau discloses IMAP protocol (page 9, paragraph #0084).

17. As per claim 30, claims are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1, above. In addition, Watanabe discloses said identified wireless electronic device allowing said user to select a particular received notification message including the subset (col 5, lines 22-67; col 6, lines 18-43); and said notifications server transmitting the remainder of an electronic mail message corresponding to said particular received notification message in response to said user selecting said particular received notification message (col 5, lines 45-67; col 6, lines 18-43).

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Response to Arguments

18. Applicant's arguments filed 11/06/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive, therefore a rejection to claims 1-9, 11-22, 24-28, and 30-33 is maintained.

19. In response applicant argued that:

Argument: Watanabe does not teach user receiving a subset of the email which allows the user to view the contents of the email.

Response: Watanabe discloses notification apparatus (100, fig 1,) generating and notifying arrival of notification mail message to the wireless device (col 2, lines 24-60) and further suggest adding couple of short sentences to the notification message (col 5, lines 22-31). Mousseau generating a copy of said electronic mail message (page 7, paragraph #0070; page 8, paragraph #0076), therefrom, a subset of said received copy of said electronic mail message (page 7, paragraph #0070; page 8, paragraph #0076; and paragraph #0067). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teachings of Watanabe and Mousseau. The motivation

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(prior art of Watanabe at least suggests adding a couple of short sentence so user can determine whether the electronic mail should be read, col 5, lines 22-31, col 6, lines 18-33) would have been developing mail arrival notification system for notifying mobile user device extracted information from the original mail so user of the wireless device can determine whether the electronic mail should be read. receiving a subset of the email which allows the user to view the contents of the email.

Conclusion

20. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the

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advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MOHAMMAD A. SIDDIQI whose telephone number is (571)272-3976. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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